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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - SYG'S CONSULTATIONS ON UNCTAD RE-
STRUCTURING AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE

1. SYG COREA CALLED SECOND INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON
RESTRUCTURING OF UNCTAD MONDAY, MARCH 20. COREA PRESENTED
DOCUMENT ON BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PRESENT STRUCTURE
OF UNCTAD AND RESUME OF IDEAS ON RESTRUCTURING. DEBATE
THAT FOLLOWED WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND UNDIRECTED. HOWEVER,
IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ITEM SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM THE
AGENDA OF THE RESUMED ONE DAY SESSION OF THE 17TH TDB
SINCE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN MADE IN THE
CONSULTATIONS. COREA PROMISED MORE FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS
IN FUTURE.

2. SYG COREA ALSO STATED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE ECOSOC REGIONAL COMMISSIONS ON THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE HAD NOT BEEN COM-
PLETED AND INDICATED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM
AT THE RESUMED 17TH TDB WOULD BE PREMATURE - THE GROUP
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COORDINATORS AGREED AND THE ITEMS WILL BE DROPPED FROM
THE AGENDA.

3. COMMENT: ONE POINT RAISED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR
(BRILLANTES) AND THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR (OSMAN) CONCERNING
RESTRUCTURING DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR THE FUTURE DIS-
CUSSIONS. BOTH AMBASSADORS STATED THEY FELT THAT THE

SECRETARIAT RESTRUCTURING SHOULD ALSO BE LOOKED INTO AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT COMPOSITION DID NOT FAIRLY REPRESENT THE MEMBERSHIP OF UNCTAD, I.E., THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS THEME WILL MOST LIKELY RETURN TO PLAGUE THESE DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE DESPITE SYG COREA'S ATTEMPT TO TURN THIS APPROACH OFF BY INDICATING THAT UNCTAD WAS NOT AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION AND HAD TO FOLLOW THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION NORMS OF THE UN ITSELF.

4. COPY OF COREA'S BACKGROUND PAPER AIRMAILED TO EDITH BRUCE, IO/IEP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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